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Emne: 2012 EFSA European Championships

Dear John-Erik, Frode, Roar, EFSA friends,

Sorry for the delay in getting in touch, it seems that there is always so much to attend to after a time away from work and home, a fact I am sure you are all personally very aware of.

Well, where do I start? 50 years of EFSA and we were back to our spiritual home to celebrate the Golden Anniversary. What an event it turned out to be, although the World financial situation conspired to prevent entries reaching the giddy heights of earlier years those that were in attendance experienced a very special event, sportsmanship, friendship, fun, fish and a very special Norwegian mix of exclusive magic to bond us all together as the EFSA family we truly are. Long may EFSA live and prosper with events as spectacular as provided by all within EFSA Norway and especially Stavanger Deep Sea Fishing Club. Thank you so very much from all of the EFSA Executive and on behalf of the member Sections who are so much the life blood of EFSA.

Hummeren Hotell and all the staff were so friendly, accommodating and willing to provide service to a level so rare today. The setting was very special and the welcome evening meal on Sunday really set the tone for the event. The daily briefings to the boat skippers and fishing captains ensured everyone understood what to do and the subsequent briefing to all the competitors left no one out. The standard of the boats and level of expertise of the skippers ensured all competitors had a very real chance of succeeding in the event, and the small detail of daily clean fishing towelling was a masterpiece of forethought and appreciated by everyone I spoke to. Results were displayed prominently and due to how well the organisers controlled matters we were spared the need for any work by the Protest Committee, truly a mark of a well organised event.

The social event for the non-anglers was enjoyable and the setting for the prize presentation and Gala Dinner truly inspired, capturing grandeur and old world charm for a wonderful backdrop to all that was happening. When a mistake in the prize ceremony was noted it was dealt with immediately and explained to all present, how very refreshing to know even the organising committee are human like the rest of us!

Leaving Tananger on the Sunday was rather hard, my heart strings were pulling and I felt like a little bit of me will forever remain in Norway with fond and happy memories. Well that is the first 50 years of EFSA taken care of so it's onwards and upwards from here on in; the bar though has been set very high by Norway.

Please pass on my grateful thanks and best of wishes to everyone who worked so hard on behalf of EFSA.

On a more mundane but important point I have included the results lists I have on record from all the previous EFSA European Boat Championships in Norway and wonder if you could find time to study them and see if you can provide any additional information for where there are incomplete results. Also included is a blank form for the event just completed, I would be obliged if you could fill in the results for categories listed as per the earlier years and return to me.

I was not aware of whether Section Denmark took the complete flag set, Championship flag only or none, please would you provide an update and if appropriate a copy of the flag handover form to me.

Finally please would you ensure that a report of the event and supporting photos are sent within a month if at all possible to Arthur White, EFSA Treasurer and website controller, so he can update the website and provide our primary sponsor, ANDE, with photos of the winners and any general photos that capture the spirit of the event. The report needs to briefly cover the type of fishing experienced, species caught and any significant details of interest together with a full set of results. Please bear in mind that the report will ultimately be viewed on the EFSA HQ website so will need tailoring for that wider audience.

In closing, thank you for making my task at the event so easy, you took care of everything so well. Feet up now it's time for Section Denmark to experience long days and sleepless nights!

Best wishes and kindest regards,
David.

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